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<b>PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:</b>	<b>Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers</b>
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room B</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
<b>MINUTES APPROVED</b>	9/18/2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Lisa Marencin, Professional Member, President, Presiding  
Valerie Cloutier, Public Member, Secretary  
Roberta Burtch, Professional Member  
Tonya Coats, Professional Member  
Wilbert Miller, Public Member  
Anne Pikolas, Public Member  
Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member  
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

**DIVISION STAFF**

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General  
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

Sarah White

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Marencin called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 17, 2012 meeting. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burtch, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Review Proposed Draft of Statute for SLPA's**

The Board reviewed the proposed final draft of the statute regarding SLPA's. Ms. Heeney advised the board that the primary revisions were made to pages five and six, and section 6.9. Ms. Cloutier provided the Board with a brief overview of the reasoning for the proposed changes. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the proposed changes. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to send the proposed final draft of the statute to the Division of Professional Regulation. Motion carried with Ms. Burtch and Dr. Xenakes opposed.

### **Sign Final Order from Hearing Officer on Show Cause Hearing for Post-Renewal Compliance Audit**

Ms. Cloutier affixed her signature to the Final Order from the Hearing Officer for Christine Lundmark.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Amendment to Agenda**

Ms. Burtch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to amend the agenda to add Melissa Andrade's permanent speech pathologist application as agenda item 4.3.7. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist License – Melissa Egar**

Ms. Williams and Dr. Marencin advised the Board of the need for ratification for the permanent speech pathologist license for Melissa Egar. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pikolas to ratify the permanent speech pathologist application for Melissa Egar. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burtch to place the "Discussion Regarding License Issuance Authority" on the September 18, 2012 agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application – Kelly O'Steen**

The Board reviewed Kelly O'Steen's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of clarification regarding the start and end dates of her clinical fellowship plan. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application – Megan Murray**

The Board reviewed Megan Murray's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application – Jessica Nedved

The Board reviewed Jessica Nedved's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application – Matti Toone

The Board reviewed Matti Toone's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application – Samantha Weatherford

The Board reviewed Samantha Weatherford's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Speech Language Pathologist Application – Anne Fahey

The Board reviewed Anne Fahey's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Speech Language Pathologist Application – Dana Haro

The Board reviewed Dana Haro's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Speech Language Pathologist Application – Forrest Pender

The Board reviewed Forrest Pender's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Speech Language Pathologist Application – Amber Webb

The Board reviewed Amber Webb's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Speech Language Pathologist Application – Kristen Devlin

The Board reviewed Kristen Devlin's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Permanent Speech Language Pathologist Application – Sarah White

The Board reviewed Sarah White's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion carried with Ms. Sullivan abstaining.

#### Review of Application for Permanent Audiologist License – Malika Rigg

The Board reviewed Malika Rigg's application for an audiologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Request for an Extension of Temporary Speech Pathologist License – Amy Dingman

The Board reviewed Amy Dingman's request for an extension on her temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to grant a three month extension, beginning August 16, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Request for Change in CFY Supervision – Cristin Farrell

The Board reviewed the request for changing the approved supervisor for Cristin Farrell's CRY Plan. John Azzara was previously approved to be Ms. Farrell's supervisor and it is now being requested that Melissa Scpio be approved as Ms. Farrell's CFY supervisor. The Board reviewed the CFY plan which was completed by Ms. Farrell and Ms. Scpio. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pikolas, to approve Melissa Scpio as the CFY Supervisor for Cristin Farrell. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Recommendations from Hearing Officer on Show Cause Hearings for Post-Renewal Compliance Audits

The board reviewed and compared the recommendations from the Hearing Officer on the Show Cause Hearings for the post-renewal compliance audits. The Board discussed the differences of the recommendations and voiced their concerns.

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation from the Show Cause Hearing for the post-renewal compliance audit for Ralph Bayko. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to modify the Hearing Officer's recommendation from the Show Cause Hearing for the post-renewal compliance audit for Elizabeth Perkins, to include a letter of reprimand. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Clouter made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve, deny or table the following continuing education as noted. Motion carried with Ms. Burtch abstaining from her application.

Sponsor: Delaware Stroke Initiative  
Activity: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Stroke Education Conference  
Contact Hours: 5.0 PG

Licensee: Elizabeth Polidoro Lucas  
Sponsor: Lingui Systems  
Activity: Blooming Language  
Contact Hours: 1.0 PG

Licensee: Elizabeth Polidoro Lucas  
Sponsor: Linguisticsystems  
Activity: Learning to Ask and Answer Questions  
Contact Hours: 1.0 CS

Licensee: Merry Jones

Sponsor: DHSS  
Activity: Creating Pathways of Communication  
Contact Hours: 2.5 PG

Licensee: Roberta Burtch  
Sponsor: Brandywine School District  
Activity: Get SETT for Success with Assistive Technology  
Contact Hours: 6.5 CS

Sponsor: Delaware Association for Home & Community Care  
Activity: Breaking Barriers to Health and Independence  
Contact Hours: 6.0 PG

### Discussion of Continuing Education Approval Process

Ms. Williams advised the Board that she spoke to a representative from Starkey Hearing Technologies and verified that the courses that are submitted to Delaware for approval are already approved by ASHA. Ms. Williams advised the representative that if the courses are approved by ASHA, the Board automatically accepts them. The agenda item "Discussion Regarding Fees for Continuing Education" was previously tabled, but since the applications for review may decrease, this item will be removed from future agendas.

The Board discussed their current continuing education approval process and determined that a change is necessary. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, that if a student submits a continuing education request, and it is approved by the Board, the course will be listed on the website as an approved course. This will streamline the process and will provide consistency in regards to accepted continuing educational courses. Motion unanimously carried.

### Correspondence

Review Correspondence from IHS Regarding Beta Testing Period for International Licensing Exam for Hearing Healthcare Professionals

Ms. Williams advised the Board that the International Hearing Society (IHS) will be launching a beta testing period for the International Licensing Exam for Hearing Healthcare professionals. Additional information was available for review for the Board members.

Brochure for the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual IHS Convention & Expo

Ms. Williams advised the Board that she had a brochure for the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual IHS Convention and Expo, if any member was interested in attending.

Review Correspondence from Illene Courtright Regarding SLPA Qualifications

The Board reviewed the correspondence submitted by Illene Courtright regarding a statement that was made about her at a previous meeting. Ms. Courtright wished to clarify to the entire Board that she did not say that she wanted the qualifications for the SLPA to be so difficult that no one would want to become an SLPA.

Ms. Cloutier stated that she mentioned Ms. Courtright during the last meeting and it was her understanding that Ms. Courtright was not in favor of SLPA's. Ms. Cloutier will not oppose the correspondence going into the record. Ms. Cloutier stated that she simply recalled what she was told.

**Other Business before the Board**

Meeting Ground Rules – Jennifer Xenakes

Dr. Xenakes addressed the Board regarding last month's heated and tense meeting. She proposed ground rules for the Board meetings. Dr. Xenakes' ground rules are as follows: one person speaks at a time; no sidebar conversations; cell phones should be silenced or put on vibrate, and text messaging/e-mails should be limited.

Ms. Cloutier also suggested that a member should raise their hand if they have a comment and wait for the Chair to recognize them before stating their comment.

Ms. Sullivan suggested that the Board meeting start promptly at the start time and that if the public is in attendance, it is always best to be professional.

Ms. Cloutier suggested that the Telepractice Committee should be scheduled for the October meeting.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

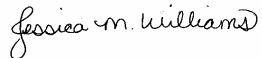
**Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Burtch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cloutier, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica Williams

Administrative Specialist II